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1. Twenty-two locomotives with tenders were seen at the Uckro (N 52/A 07) railroad station on 7 December 1950. A train made-up of a type 52 locomotive, three cabooses and two tool cars stenciled Locomotive Column 9, Cottbus, was standing on the same track. (1) A train of one passenger car and two cabooses was seen about 5 p.m. the same day at the Brenitz-Sonnenvalde (N 52/A 05) railroad station, 10 km north of Dobrilugk-Kirchhain. Its locomotive was under steam. The passenger car was lettered Locomotive Column 10, Cottbus. (2)

2. [redacted] column locomotives published in an official railroad survey of locomotives available on 30 November 1950. The tabulation shows the following:

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| | Units |
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| Total column locomotives: | 376 (no change since last month) |
| Serviceable: | 332 |
| On deadline: | 44 |
| Operating park: | 119 |
| Number of locomotives kept cold: | 213 |

While 229 locomotives were required for operations in the previous month, 110 column locomotives were being kept cold as an SCC reserve in November. Column locomotives were thus employed on a much smaller scale. Due to insufficient maintenance work done in the railroad shops the condition of column locomotives has deteriorated. Piston rod and cylinder fractures were the chief defects, particularly in Locomotive Column No 8 in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63). (3)

3. Soviet Locomotive Column No 42 is stationed in Ujest Litovsk and Berlin-Rummelsburg. It is being used only for Soviet passenger traffic and is equipped with 11 OL-type engines. German Locomotive Column No 1 was deactivated in the fall of 1949. Its personnel was distributed among the other locomotive columns and its locomotives were taken possession of by Soviet Locomotive Column No 42. (4)

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4. Twenty-five locomotives with two cabooses were still being kept cold in Uckro on 12 January 1951. (1)

5. On 13 January 1951 there was no change in the status of the reserve column locomotives being kept in Ducherow (N 54/U 99) and Strasburg/Uckermark (N 54/U 96). (5)

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Comments.

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- (1) Confirms the locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Column No 9 as being parked in Uckro up to mid-January 1951. [redacted]
- (2) Locomotive Column No 10 in Cottbus is one of the six locomotive columns still in operation in the Soviet zone of Germany. [redacted]
- (3) Confirms the number of column locomotives previously reported as being available on 1 November 1950. [redacted] The deterioration of their maintenance status was pointed out [redacted] Of the 213 locomotives kept cold approximately 180 belong to the six deactivated locomotive columns. The locomotives are being parked at various railroad stations. [redacted]
- (4) [redacted] The Soviet locomotive column is believed to be equipped with 23 modern heavy express train locomotives of type OL. [redacted]
- (5) Confirms that the locomotives of deactivated Locomotive Columns No 6, 12 and 13 are being kept as a column reserve. [redacted]

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